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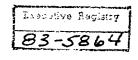
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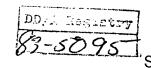
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Development Programs, Inc.



December 2, 1983

Mr. William Casey, Director Central Intelligence Agency Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Casey:

For a number of years, I have been aware of the potential problems which would occur if the developing world did not resolve its food problem. To help resolve this explosive issue, my firm has attempted to implement a PL 480 Title I/III Program in Egypt. In this effort, we were unsuccessful as segments of the bureaucracies in both countries were opposed to the program, while the leaders of Egypt simply did not understand what we were proposing.

In reviewing the Washington Post of October 30, I came across the attached news story of your speech at Westminster College. Based on this story, I felt you would have interest in a revised proposal I have just made to the Government of Egypt to move their economy forward, as the objectives of the program are those you proposed.

Attached for your review is a letter to President Hosni Mubarak in which my firm has proposed to invest in excess of \$2 billion in the Egyptian economy in specific development programs. Also enclosed is the profile of an economic development program we have proposed which identifies projects in which we are prepared to invest.

As you peruse this proposal, you will ascertain that I have proposed military-industrial and agricultural programs. Normally we would not have proposed such an extensive program. Unfortunately, the US has been unsuccessful in its attempts to secure the use of the Egyptian facility at Ras Banas for our RDF forces. At the same time, Egypt has been unsuccessful in its attempts to secure a program of parity in military and economic assistance. In these circumstances, I felt there was a basis for a new approach as an alternative to past failures.

During the preparation of the attached proposal, our research led us to the conclusion that while the leaders of Egypt have requested parity with Israel in discussions with US officials, they have not provided an implementation program for the parity request. We have prepared such an implementation proposal as part of our program. The key to the parity program is the level of real economic return to Egypt.





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I would appreciate your views on the program we are proposing as it can be used as a pilot program for other areas, either with or without the military component. One of the missing ingredients in the developing world has been private industry initiative. I find more and more American private industry not wishing to become involved in the developing world. This failure, in my opinion, is to a significant extent the result of our government's lack of support for such efforts. Our company's effort will not succeed if the US Government fails to support the program, or opposes it. Both are equally damaging. This is true even for the industrial/agricultural elements of the program, not only for the military elements which obviously require direct governmental negotiations. Egypt and several other countries in the Arab world are valued allies. In light of the recent memorandum of understanding signed with Israel, our program could be timely and a vehicle to demonstrate equal treatment in the Middle East.

In conclusion, I want to thank you in advance for reviewing our proposal. We are ready to adjust the proposal if it is in conflict with US policy or wherever changes could improve it. If you feel it would be of advantage, the President of my firm, and I would be happy to brief you and your staff in detail on the program and our efforts to have it implemented.

Sincerely,

Chairman

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